

## TRIBUTE TO MARY K. SHELL

**HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2018*

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the late Mary Katherine Shell, a community leader from Bakersfield, California. Mary served as the Mayor of Bakersfield from 1981 to 1985, and later as a member of the Kern County Board of Supervisors from 1985 to 1997. A trailblazing force in Kern County, Mary K. Shell passed away last week at the age of 91.

Born in Bakersfield, Mary graduated from East Bakersfield High School before attending Bakersfield College. Her future in public service was forged at a young age during conversations with her father, who encouraged her as a child to read the newspaper, be civic-minded, and to involve herself in the issues that impacted her community. A keen reader of the news, it was no coincidence that Mary found herself working for the Bakersfield Californian during World War II, covering home-front war stories and Kern County's rapidly growing agricultural industry.

With much of the Californian's workforce serving overseas in the war, Mary balanced an incredible workload, often finding herself immersed in Bakersfield's policy-making discussions, learning and covering topics that would mold her into a city leader herself. Outside of her writing, Mary continued to push herself in other fields, working as a secretary for Skyway Associates at the old La Cresta Airfield and even receiving her pilot's license. She would further her career in journalism working for the Bakersfield News Bulletin in 1965, first as a reporter, and later as editor until 1969. In 1972, she was awarded the Excellence in Reporting Award from the California Trial Lawyers Association for her work at Capitol News Service, and in 1975 was awarded the California Taxpayers Reporting Award for articles published in the Los Angeles Herald.

While she loved politics, Mary never once viewed herself as a politician. It took the gentle encouragement of her loving husband, Joe Shell, to inspire her to run to be Bakersfield's mayor in 1979. Mary won in a competitive field of candidates to become Bakersfield's first female mayor in 1980. Upon her election, Shell immediately set out to improve the quality of life of Bakersfield, launching the still-active Beautiful Bakersfield Committee to inspire pride in the Bakersfield community. She commissioned the creation of a city flag, helped establish the annual city prayer breakfast, established one of the first Vietnam War memorials in Bakersfield, and brought back the annual downtown Christmas Parade, which is still a fixture of the Bakersfield Christmas season.

After serving a full term as Bakersfield mayor, Shell successfully ran in 1984 to represent Kern County's 5th Supervisorial District. She dedicated her three terms as a county supervisor to reducing government overregulation and advocating for policies that minimized the waste of taxpayers' money. Mary established herself in the boardroom as a consensus-builder, garnering support from both sides of the political spectrum for her straight talk and her relentless love for the community

she represented. Above all else, Mary never stopped acting as a one of our city's staunchest advocates, remaining just as civically engaged outside of politics as she was as an elected official.

Mary K. Shell was, and will always be, a community icon in Bakersfield. A renaissance woman of her era, she defined to generations of Kern County residents what it meant to be a public servant—someone who listened to the needs of her constituents and acted tirelessly, fearlessly, yet graciously, to address the needs of our communities. Over her life, Mary inspired many, and I am confident that she leaves behind a legacy that will inspire countless others to public service. I extend my deepest condolences to her children, her grandchildren, and a community that will miss her dearly. It could be said that Mary K. Shell "did it all" in her life, and I am inclined to agree. Bakersfield will not soon forget her.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO TLC PROPERTIES ON ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2018*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 30th anniversary of TLC Properties.

TLC Properties was founded in 1988 in Springfield, Missouri, by Sam and Carol Coryell, and to this day, remains a family owned and operated business. Priding themselves on this fact, Mr. and Mrs. Coryell's three sons, Sam Jr., Daniel and David, play an important role in the company and its successes. The Coryell's business brilliance and persistence has allowed TLC Properties to grow from just one rental house in eastern Springfield, to more than 3,000 apartments across 20 different communities.

TLC Properties' strong apartment networks have enabled the company to address its clients' various needs and residential concerns.

This company was founded on principles of strong character, service, teamwork, excellence, humility and gratitude. I believe that the company's track record has demonstrated that these values have consistently been upheld. TLC Properties motto is, "do unto others as you would have others do unto you." Whether it's at the corporate level or the property level, TLC strives to uphold this motto by offering the best product at the best price.

I must commemorate TLC Properties for its three decades of quality housing, and encourage others from our beautiful 7th District of Missouri to live by TLC Properties' values.

## IN RECOGNITION OF BOB COX'S HEROIC ACTIONS ON CAPITOL HILL

**HON. CHRIS COLLINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2018*

Mr. COLLINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroic actions of Bob Cox on Capitol Hill earlier this year. While on vacation with his family in our nation's cap-

ital, Bob, a constituent of New York's 27th District, aided a Capitol Hill employee that abruptly collapsed. If not for his quick thinking, the outcome could have been much worse for the employee.

Due to his heroism, Bob will receive the Life Saving Award from a representative of the U.S. Capitol Police. This honor rightfully acknowledges Bob's exemplary act at our nation's capital earlier this year. The selfless medical service that he provided is truly commendable. As a registered nurse and trained EMT, he has undoubtedly played a part in making our community a better place to live and raise a family.

Again, congratulations to Bob on his recent recognition by the U.S. Capitol Police, and I thank him for all he has done.

## RECOGNIZING THE 2018 FAIRFAX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2018*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding group of men and women in Northern Virginia. These individuals have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety and have been awarded the prestigious Valor Award by the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce.

This is the 40th Annual Valor Awards sponsored by the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce. This event honors the remarkable heroism and bravery in the line of duty exemplified by our public safety officers. Our public safety and law enforcement personnel put their lives on the line every day to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. This year's ceremony will present ninety-one awards to recognize extraordinary actions above and beyond the call of duty in a variety of categories, including the Lifesaving Certificate, the Certificate of Valor, and the Bronze and Silver Medal of Valor.

Seven members of the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office are being honored this year for their exceptional service.

It is with great pride that I include in the RECORD the names of the following Valor Award Recipients:

Bronze Medal of Valor:  
Second Lieutenant Georgi Hovhannisyan  
Sergeant Brandon Pitts  
Private First Class Andrew Foxwell  
Correctional Health Nurse Deborah Kurylo  
Certificate of Valor:  
First Lieutenant Jonathan Ortiz  
Master Deputy Sheriff Jeffery Waple  
Private First Class Laurence Kim

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 2018 Valor Award Recipients, and thank all of the men and women who serve in the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of our community, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.